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## Deadline Approaching to File for Individual Assistance Program Disaster Relief

(Anchorage, AK) – Individuals and families who suffered damages and/or losses to personal and real property during the Bering Strait Sea Storm Disaster that hit the west coast of Alaska in October 2004 have two weeks, until **January 29, 2005**, to apply for assistance through the State Individual Assistance Program. The affected areas include the Northwest Arctic Borough, the City of Nome, the Bering Strait Regional Education Attendance Area (REAA), the Lower Yukon REAA, the Lower Kuskokwim REAA, the Kashunamiut REAA, and the Pribilof Islands REAA.

“Individuals and families who incurred damages or losses during the October disaster may be eligible for State assistance through this program,” said Jamie Littrell, DHS&EM spokesman. “If an individual or family does qualify, they could receive a maximum of \$5,000 for property repairs or replacement of lost items.”

To apply for the State Individual Assistance Program, call **1-800-921-3682** anytime between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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